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13 September 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Atlas Task Force Meeting, 12 September 1973

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[REDACTED] Atlas Task Force presented a summary of findings of the Task Force. After discussion, the following decisions were made:

1. To proceed at full speed on production of an atlas on Soviet agriculture with target date for publication of April/May 1974. The preliminary prospectus tabled at the meeting was accepted as a starting point for production planning with the addition of (a) a discussion of Soviet agriculture in the world context, including import and export data; and (b) a discussion of agriculture in the context of the Soviet economy.
2. The group was instructed to give additional thought to an Indian Ocean Atlas and a Caribbean Atlas. By Wednesday, the 19th, further reports should be prepared for me on the readiness to produce such atlases, along with a more refined prospectus and a more precise estimate of the time each would take.
3. With regard to Bruce Clarke's interest in an atlas directed at MBFR problems, it was agreed that an inventory of possibly appropriate maps would be assembled for a meeting with appropriate representatives from OSR Friday afternoon, 14 September, to consider what, if anything, we could do within the next 8 to 10 weeks on the subject. I called Bruce Clarke and he agreed to alert one of his staff to come to the Friday meeting prepared with a rough table of contents or outline of the kinds of topics that would be useful to include.

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4. In the course of the discussion with Clarke, he indicated a very specific interest in a map of Europe from Moscow west and from Rome north, highlighting national boundaries, general terrain features, major highway and railway nets, waterways, and major cities. All of the detail clutter that obstructs these main features should be dropped from the map. [REDACTED] believed that such a map could be produced in short order and agreed to report back to me on the possibility.

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5. Clarke also suggested a "Year of Europe Issues" Atlas as a joint OBGI-OSR-OER-OCI project. He agreed that publication by next June would still find an eager audience. I advised [REDACTED] of this proposal and indicated my interest in seeing it further developed as a possible alternate to either the Indian Ocean or the Caribbean Atlas.

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